

## Message Text

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y - T E X T ( P A R A 4 . )

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PPDC, KS  
SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG-HEE

REF: STATE 013407

1. I MET THIS AFTERNOON BRIEFLY WITH PRESIDENT PARK TO DELIVER  
PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER (REFTEL). PRESIDENT PARK MET WITH ME,  
DESPITE HIS LINGERING CASE OF LARYNGITIS WHICH WAS MUCH AGGRAVATED  
BY YESTERDAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE.

2. PRESIDENT PARK EXPRESSED GREAT APPRECIATION FOR PRESIDENT  
CARTER'S PERSONEL INTEREST IN KOREA AS DEMONSTRATED BY HIS VERY  
FINE STATEMENT LAST WEEK AND PERSONEL LETTER. PARK SAID THAT  
DESPITE PROBLEMS THAT HAVE FACED TWO NATIONS, HE HAS VERY STRONG  
CONVICTION THAT US-ROK RELATIONSHIP MUST BE MAINTAINED AND  
STRENGTHENED.

3. PRESIDENT PARK COMMENTED THAT IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT PARK TONGSUN  
AFFAIR HAD GIVEN APPEARANCE THAT OUR RELATIONSHIP WAS ON THE ROCKS.  
HE FELT THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO SETTLE THIS PROBLEM, IN VIEW OF  
THE MAJOR PROBLEMS SHARED BY THE TWO NATIONS. HE HAD THEREFORE  
MADE THE NECESSARY DECISIONS LAST YEAR AND WAS QTE VERY GRATIFIED  
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UNQTE BY THE RESULTS. HE LIKewise MUCH APPRECIATED OUR EFFORTS  
TO BRING ABOUT A SETTLEMENT.

4. LOOKING AHEAD TO THE FUTURE, PRESIDENT PARK THOUGHT THAT THE  
EVENTS OF LAST YEAR, PARTICULARLY THE PARK TONGSUN AFFAIR, WOULD  
CONTRIBUTE TO THE FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF OUR RELATIONSHIP. WE  
AGREED THAT THE RELATIONSHIP SHOULD BE STRONGER FOR HAVING COME

THROUGH THE SEVERE TESTING OF LAST YEAR. HE SAID THAT THERE IS  
AN OLD KOREAN PROVERB, QTE AFTER IT RAINS, THE GROUND IS MORE  
FERTILE UNQTE. HE CONCLUDED BY STRESSING THAT IT IS VERY  
IMPORTANT THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US NOT BE SO DISTURBED  
IN THE FUTURE.  
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